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Case No.: 57283US002**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**First Named Inventor:** BRAUNSCHWEIG, EHRICH J.  
**Application No.:** 10/033436 **Group Art Unit:** 3723  
**Filed:** December 28, 2001 **Examiner:** McDonald, Shantese L.  
**Title:** BACKING AND ABRASIVE PRODUCT MADE WITH THE BACKING  
AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING THE BACKING  
AND ABRASIVE PRODUCT

**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, in the above-identified patent application.

**Remarks**

It is noted with appreciation that the Examiner has withdrawn the rejection given in the last Office Action, which was mailed October 8, 2003 in view of the Amendment which was filed on December 16, 2003.

Claims 1-16 are submitted for reconsideration. Claims 17-32 are withdrawn from consideration because of the restriction requirement.

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-16 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Romero (US Patent No. 6,371,842) in view of Law, et al. (US Patent No. 5,954,844). In making this rejection, the Office Action states as follows: